

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: attend 7:30 p.m. Mass
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: after 7:30 p.m. Mass
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Thanksgiving
7:30: PB: Tom Roof, Mary Siefker
Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Carrie Patrick, Teresa Rampe
LECTOR: Jill Laudick
9:00: PB: Bob Klausing, Duane Steffan
Beth Nienberg, Joan Niese, Rose Recker, Barb Steffan
LECTOR: Mary Plescher

USHERS - Thanksgiving
7:30: Team 1 **9:00:** Team 2

Young Adult Friendsgiving Night
Tues, November 21, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at Uptown Market & Café (200 East Main St. Leipsic, OH). Guest Speaker Jacob Kleinhenz will be joining us. Please bring a side dish to share. Meat will be provided. Join the Facebook Group “Putnam Catholic Young Adults.”

Epilepsy Awareness Fundraiser
The Rapids at Campfire Epilepsy Awareness Fundraiser is November 19, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door and kids 5 and under are free. There will be food and drinks, carnival games, gift baskets, raffles, prizes, Bingle and vendors. Contact Alice Verhoff at 419-740-0777 for more information. The address is: 11900 Jeffers Rd; Grand Rapids, OH 43522.

Ohio Polka Boosters Christmas Party
Saturday, December 2, at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at Noon. Meal is at 1:00 p.m. Meeting and dance is from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Call 419-966-3826 with questions.



2023 Damascus Confirmation Retreat. Forty-two St Michael Eighth graders joined about 200 more youth for a weekend full of prayer and fun! We surveyed the 8th graders this week... This comment is from one of those who attended: " *It is such a beautiful and life-changing experience. They let you be the weirdest and be yourself. It made me love and learn about the Lord. I now know the Lord loves me and found new ways to pray. It was so so so much fun. I hope to go back in the future. Be yourself. Be kind. Love the Lord. The Lord loves you!! Don't disobey the rules. Take praying seriously. Listen, listen to the Lord because trust me this retreat changed my view on everything and realized why I am Catholic. The Lord loves you! Have fun!*" This is just one of the great comments we received from the 8th graders.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - November 25 & 26
4:30: PB: Brian & Bev Berheide
Nancy Rampe, Wendy Schimmoeller, Glen & Annette Schroeder
LECTOR: Nancy Rampe
8:00: PB: Norma Unverferth, Tony Vorst
Donna Schnipke, Sandy Vorst, Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath
LECTOR: Donna Schnipke
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst
11:00: PB: Jill Leis, Scott Unverferth
Cherie Kemper, Deb McIntyre, Mark Remlinger, Lindsey Slusser
LECTOR: Kayla Nartker

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 11/21	8:00 AM	Hunter Klausung Annaleice Maag
Wed, 11/22	7:30 PM	Adam Bockrath Meredith Bockrath Morgan Bockrath Gabi Brinkman Andrea Burgei Carson Buss Evvy Cattell Faith Feldman Alex Gardner Katelyn Foppe Maria Gerding Kyla Grime
Thurs, 11/23	9:00 AM	Evan Fischnich Jax Horstman Erica Kahle
Sat, 11/25	4:30 PM	
Sun, 11/26	8:00 AM	
	11:00 AM	

Offertory Bearers - November 25 & 26
4:30: Ryan & Erin Kerner Family
8:00: Herm & Rita Borgelt Family
11:00: Doug & Amy Wannemacher Family

USHERS - November 25 & 26
4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

Cardboard Recycling is Available Again...
at the Kalida Recycling Site, just west of town on SR114. Please remember: no greasy or wet cardboard and be sure to break the boxes down.
The Kalida Park Board

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, November 19, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath **Deacon:** Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput
Youth Minister: Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer
Website: stmichaelskalida.org **Address:** 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853



THANKSGIVING MASS TIMES
Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m. (Continental)
Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. (Kalida)
Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9:00 a.m. (Kalida)



Fr. Nathan’s Eucharistic
Article 8 of 40

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

Last week in article 7, we saw how the Sacrifice of the Cross is not simply remembered during a Mass; rather, every Mass represents THE Sacrifice of the Cross and thus makes available the treasury of grace won by Christ. So, it may be wondered if that is the case, why do we have multiple Masses? Wouldn’t my attendance at just one Mass be sufficient? Well, one Mass would be sufficient *if* we never sinned again. However, the more and more we reflect on our lives we realize we need all the help we can get! For this reason, Jesus Himself tells us to “do this in memory of me” (LK 22:19). St. Paul quotes Jesus as expecting this to be repeated: “for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup” (1 COR 11:26). Again, this is not to make us feel bad about ourselves; but rather, to give the clearest chance to be in communion with our Lord.

When speaking of the Eucharist and the Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas called it “food for the journey.” It’s the idea that it provides the spiritual sustenance for our soul ... and there is so much weighing our soul down in this fallen world. Frankly, the idea actually goes back to Jesus who connects the sacrament of the Mass with the Manna in the desert as the Israelites traveled to the Promised Land. In the Exodus story, the Israelites complained about taking this journey to the Promised Land, to the point that they wanted to return back to slavery in Egypt (*this may sound strange, but to be honest, how many of us fall back into the same bad habits even though we know they are not in our best interest!*) The Lord intervenes by sending the sustenance they need: “bread from Heaven” called Manna (EX 16:4). “Manna” literally in Hebrew means “what is it,” which is appropriate because it’s not something we can come up with ... it’s from God Himself. On a side note, Moses even instructed the Israelites to “Eat it today, for today is the Sabbath of the Lord” (EX 16:25). Anyways, Jesus says that He is the definitive Manna, the real bread that will provide them the sustenance they need to get to the real Promised Land (i.e. the purpose of what they were made for, both in this life and the life to come). Jesus says “**I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst**” (JN 6:35). Even in the prayer Jesus taught us, the “Our Father,” there is the clause “give us this day our daily bread.” Frankly, this is a poor English translation because the word in Greek is “epiousion,” which means “super-substantial” ... so something beyond the ordinary (MK 6:11). The point is we need this spiritual “pick-me-up” because the journey of life weighs down everyone. And just like with ordinary food, we are in constant need of nourishment.

One final point...this need to repeat our exposure to the Sacrifice of the Cross, through the Mass, is also consistent with the Scripture accounts of the early Christians. For example, the Acts of the Apostles tells how the Apostles and the first converts to Christianity devoted themselves to the “breaking of the bread” (ACTS 2:42). In addition, as mentioned above, St. Paul addresses the issue of Mass with Christian community at Corinth, around the year 55 A.D. (Jesus died in 33 A.D.). The problem was that the Corinthians were celebrating Mass, but were not welcoming to everyone ... there were rival house churches. Nonetheless, notice that they believed and understood the need to celebrate the Mass frequently. “Do this in remembrance of Me” ... why, because we need it!

Fr. Nathan (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

This Week’s Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21	<i>Presentation of the Virgin Mary</i>
8:00 AM	L/D Al Siefker Family, Lawrence Peck Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22	
8:00 AM	NO MASS
7:30 PM	Ray Schroeder Family
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
9:00 AM	Jim Hamilton, Tom Recker & Family John & Catherine Kahle, Carolyn Unverferth L/D Vorst Family, Marlene Verhoff L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family Klara Frommherz, Ed Schroeder Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth Joe & Rita Hanneman & Family Anna Mae & Clete Verhoff & Family Denny Heitmeyer & Family
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>
8:00 AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25	
4:30 PM	Janice & Luke Stechschulte, L/D Joe & Mildred Buss Family, L/D Bob & JoAnn Brinkman Fam. John Phillips, Sandi Kidd, Larry Haselman & Family, Jim, Keith, Mark & Joe Unverferth Jim & Angie Erhart, Richard & Gladys Unverferth, Ralph, Bruce, Mark & Judy Honigfort, Jazzlyn Gray, Charles Nussbaum
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26	<i>Christ the King</i>
8:00 AM	Jim, Esther & Randy Siefker, Brian Schroeder Gergen Family, Frank Schumaker Brian Knott, Ron Kahle, Jr., Sylvester Hanneman, Edna & Dick Kruse, L/D Greg & Laura Foppe Family, Courtney Ehrnsberger Alvin & Rita Kleman, Andrew Orzechowski Norman & Dorothy von der Embse Vince Erhart, Greg Erhart Lincoln Roebke, Allen Schroeder
11:00 AM	

Last Week’s Collection: \$11,453.89

Choir Assignments—Thanksgiving
7:30: YAHS 9:00: HN

Choir Assignments—November 25 & 26
4:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00: Renee

Giving Tree

This year's Giving Tree will provide monetary assistance to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Those envelopes can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Parish Center. The Angel ornaments have gift ideas for children in Putnam County. The gifts and monetary donations are due back by December 1. If you choose a tag for gifts for a needy family, please make sure to place the tag on the present when returning it to church. Thanks so much!

Food Collection at Thanksgiving

As is our tradition at St. Michael’s Parish, we will be collecting food items for the Ottawa Food Pantry, to which we are affiliated. The following items are especially needed: *canned pineapple-all varieties, ready to eat soup-not condensed, egg noodles, salad dressing and shortening, cooking oil or sprays.* We ask that you bring your donated items to the Thanksgiving Masses and place them on or under the first two pews on the Blessed Virgin side of church. You can do this either before or after mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Students at Mass This Week

There will be no students at Mass this week due to the school Thanksgiving Break.

High School CCD Notes

On November 22, high school students are asked to attend the 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Mass.

No Morning Mass This Wednesday & Friday

Please check this week’s Mass schedule.

2024 Offertory Envelopes Have Arrived...

And are in the back of church. If you don’t see your name on one of the boxes, we have extra sets at the Parish Center.



Last Saturday, sixteen of our second graders joined others from around the county and made their retreat at Saints Peter & Paul School, Ottawa. Dr. John Woods and his family presented a Dragon Slayers Retreat for our parents and their child. The retreat consisted of an hour for the families and an hour for just the parents while the children learned more about First Reconciliation and First Communion. For those unable to attend, there will be a makeup date on February 18, 2024 at Delphos, St. John's.

Greeters for Funerals

The Bereavement Team is looking for greeters for Funeral Masses. If you are interested, please contact Millie McElwain at 419-231-5656.



Our current church building will be 100 years old in 1926. A parishioner recently suggested we ask for memories/stories to be submitted of recollections from our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. about the construction of the current St. Michael Church. If you have any recollections that have been passed down to you over the years, submit them in writing.

You can email them to:
stmichaelskalida@gmail.com;
mail them to Box 387; Kalida,
or drop them off at the Parish Center.

Also, as we lead up to the 100th anniversary of our church building, we will share some facts about the planning and building process, as well as facts about the building, itself; so look for the 100 years logo (above). Thanks!

Pictorials...Soon and Very Soon

We don’t have a specific date, but our new pictorials are due to be delivered very soon. Once they arrive, we will have them in the church basement after weekend Masses. Only those who had their picture taken by United Church Directories receive a free book. If you submitted a photo, you can purchase a directory for \$15. If you pre-ordered an extra directory, they are also \$15. Unlike other times, we are not being given several extra copies; so if you did not pre-order an extra copy, you will have to wait to see if there are any extras after all have been distributed.

Note: If you are paying for a directory, please have a check written for \$15 to “St. Michael’s Church.” Our volunteer directory distributors will not be handling cash. Thanks!

Boxes of Joy Delivered

Parish Council members Mary Gerding, Marc Kerner, Lisa Roebke, Scott Unverferth and Allison Wurth delivered 187 Boxes of Joy from St. Michael’s to the Holy Family Radio Station this past Sunday afternoon. This will bring joy to children living in poverty in South America. We are blessed



to be a part of a giving parish family which looks out for the needs of others, both locally and internationally. Thank you to everyone who filled a box.

